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Note by the Secretary-General

The Secretary-General has the honour to transmit to the Commission on Sustainable Development acting as the preparatory committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development the contribution to the Summit from the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change at its seventh session (see annex), which was submitted by the Executive Secretary of the Convention pursuant to General Assembly decision 55/443.

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Annex

Marrakesh ministerial declaration

The Ministers and other heads of delegation present at the seventh session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change,

Mindful of the objective of the Convention, as set out in article 2,

Reaffirming that economic and social development and poverty eradication are the first and overriding priorities of the developing country parties to the Convention,

Believing that addressing the many challenges of climate change will make a contribution to achieving sustainable development,

Recognizing that the World Summit on Sustainable Development provides an important opportunity for addressing the linkages between climate change and sustainable development,

1. *Note* the decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention at its seventh session, held in Marrakesh, constituting the Marrakesh Accords, which pave the way for the timely entry into force of the Kyoto Protocol;

2. *Remain* deeply concerned that all countries, particularly developing countries, including the least developed countries and small island States, face increased risk of negative impacts of climate change;

3. *Recognize* that, in this context, the problems of poverty, land degradation, access to water and food and human health remain at the centre of global attention and that, therefore, the synergies between the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Convention on Biological Diversity and the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa, should continue to be explored through various channels in order to achieve sustainable development;

4. *Stress* the importance of capacity-building and of developing and disseminating innovative technologies in respect of key sectors of development, particularly energy, and of investment in this regard, including through private sector involvement and market-oriented approaches, as well as supportive public policies and international cooperation;

5. *Emphasize* that climate change and its adverse impacts must be addressed through cooperation at all levels, and welcome the efforts of all parties to implement the Convention;

6. *Request* the President of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention at its seventh session and the Executive Secretary of the Convention to continue to participate actively in the preparatory process for the Summit and in the Summit itself, and to report thereon to the Conference of the Parties to the Convention at its eighth session.